

4th February, 1800.

Read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

A Bill

In addition to an act intituled “ An act regulating the grants of lands appropriated for military services and for the Society of the United Brethren for propagating the Gospel among the Heathen.”

1 SEC. 1. **B**E it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of
2 the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the respective
3 points of interfection of the lines actually run, as the boundaries of the
4 several townships surveyed by virtue of the act intituled “ An act regu-
5 lating the grants of land appropriated for military services and for the
6 society of the United Brethren for propagating the Gospel among the
7 Heathen” shall be considered and they are hereby declared to be the
8 corners of the said townships; that in regard to every such township as
9 by the plat and survey returned by the surveyor-general, appears to
10 contain sixteen thousand acres, the points on each of the boundary
11 lines of such township, which are at an equal distance from those two
12 corners of the same township which stand on the same boundary line,
13 shall be considered and are hereby declared to be corners of the re-
14 spective quarter townships of such township, and that the other boun-
15 dary lines of the said quarter townships shall be straight lines run from

each of the last mentioned corners of quarter-townships to the corner of quarter-township on the opposite boundary line of the same township; and that each of the said quarter-townships thus bounded, shall, in every proceeding, to be had under the above mentioned or this act, be considered as containing four thousand acres.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be lawful for the proprietors or holders of warrants for military services, which have, or shall be registered at the Treasury in pursuance of the act intituled "An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military services and for the society of United Brethren, for propagating the Gospel among the Heathen," during the time, in the manner, and according to the rights of priority, which may be acquired in pursuance of said act to locate the quantities of land, mentioned in the warrants by them respectively registered as aforesaid, on any section, or fractional part of a section, of any township in the general tract mentioned and described in said act.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That whenever locations shall be made on any section, or quarter-township, which, according to the actual survey and plat thereof, returned by the surveyor-general, shall be found to contain less than the quantity of four thousand acres, or on any fractional part of a section other than such fractional parts of sections as are bounded by the river Scioto, it shall be lawful for the Secretary of the Treasury to issue, or cause to be issued, certificates expressing the number of hundred acres, remaining unsatisfied of any registry of warrants for the quantity of four thousand acres, made in pursuance of the act before recited, which certificates shall have the same validity and effect, and be liable to be barred in like manner as warrants granted for military services, but no certificate shall be granted nor any claim allow-

13 ed for less than one hundred acres.

1 SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the certificates which may
2 be given by the Secretary of the Treasury, for the number of one hun-
3 dred acres which may remain unsatisfied after the drawing is completed,
4 shall be classed into four thousand acre lots, and the holders of such cer-
5 tificates shall proceed to draw for the choice of location, in the same man-
6 ner as is prescribed in the act before recited.

1 SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That whenever a location
2 shall be made on any section, or quarter-township, which, according to
3 the actual survey and plat thereof, returned by the surveyor-general,
4 shall be found to exceed the quantity of four thousand acres, no patent
5 shall be issued in pursuance thereof, until the person making such loca-
6 tion, shall deposit at the Treasury, warrants for military services or cer-
7 tificates issued by virtue of the preceding section, equal to the excess
8 above four thousand acres, contained in such section or quarter-town-
9 ship.

1 SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That after the priority of loca-
2 tion shall have been determined, and after the proprietors or holders of
3 warrants for military services shall have designated the tracts by them
4 respectively elected in pursuance of the second section of the act herein
5 before recited, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to
6 designate by lot, in the presence of the Secretary of War

7 sections of four thousand acres each, of the lands remaining unlo-
8 cated, which sections, together with the fractional parts of sections, bound-
9 ed by the river Scioto, shall be reserved for satisfying particular war-
10 rants granted for military services, in the manner hereafter provided.

1 SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That the land in each of the sec-
2 tions of four thousand acres, and in each of the fractional parts of secti-

1 SEC. 8 *And be it further enacted,* That from and after the
2 day of it shall be lawful for the holder of any
3 warrant granted for military services, to locate at any time before the
4 first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and two, the number of
5 hundred acres expressed in such warrant on any lot or lots from time to
6 time remaining unlocated within the sections reserved as aforesaid, and
7 upon surrendering such warrant to the treasury, the holder thereof shall
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8 be entitled to receive a patent in the manner and upon the conditions
9 heretofore prescribed by law, which patent shall in every case express

10 the range, township, section and number of the lot located as aforesaid :
11 but no location shall be allowed, nor shall any patent be issued for any
12 lot or lots of one hundred acres, except in the name of the person origi-
13 nally entitled to such warrant, or the heir or heirs of the person so enti-
14 tled ; and the title to lands acquired in consequence of patents issued as
15 aforesaid, shall and may be alienated in pursuance of the laws which have
16 or shall be passed in the territory of the United States, north-west of the
17 river Ohio, for regulating the transfer of real property, and not other-
18 wise.

1 SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the Se-
2 cretary of the Treasury to advertise the sections which may be reserved
3 for location in lots of one hundred acres, in one newspaper in each of the
4 states, and in the territory aforesaid, for and during the term of three
5 months.

1 SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted,* That the actual plat and survey
2 returned by the surveyor-general of the sections or quarter-townships and
3 fractional parts of sections contained in the tract mentioned and described
4 in the act to which this is a supplement, shall be considered as final and
5 conclusive, so that no claim shall hereafter be set up against the United
6 States, by any proprietor or holder of warrants for military services, on
7 account of any deficiency in the quantity of land contained in the secti-
8 on, or fractional part of a section, which shall have been located by such
9 proprietor or holder, nor shall any claim be hereafter set up by the U-
10 nited States, against such proprietor or holder, on account of any ex-
11 cess in the quantity of land contained in such section, or fractional part
12 of a section.